Union Home Minister was held on 17.8.2009. There was consensus to launch coordinated joint anti-naxal operations and to focus on the development fronts. It is constantly the endeavor that the mechanism of *Inter-State* coordination functions in the most effective manner and towards that end, discussions and interactions with different States/Groups of States with reference to the specific *Inter-State* coordination requirements in different areas are held from time to time, both by the State themselves and by the Central Government.

Naxalism biggest threat to internal security

†2199. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that naxalism is the biggest threat to the internal security of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is formulating any effective plan to counter naxalism;

(c) if so, whether Government has any programme to bring naxalites into the mainstream in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN) : (a) to (d) Naxal menace is a serious internal security issue. State Governments deal with the various issues related to naxalite activities in the States. The Central Government supplements their efforts in several ways.

States Governments have from time to time, appealed to the Left Wing Extremists to abjure violence and hold talks with the Government or any issues that are of concern to them. As far as the Central Government is concerned, it will welcome such talks between State Governments and left Wing Extremists provided Left Wing Extremist abjure violence and give up their so-called "armed struggle".

In order to bring naxalites into the mainstream, the States have their own surrender and rehabilitation policies. Government of India has recently approved/revised guidelines for surrender-cum-rehabilitation of naxalites in the naxal affected States which *inter alia* provides for an immediate grant of Rs. 1.5 lakh, a stipend of Rs. 2000 for three years, vocational training and incentives for surrender of weapons.

Policy of quiet diplomacy for solving Jammu and Kashmir problem

2200. SHRI ISHWAR SINGH:
SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.